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Caltrans 2005 Construction Season in Full Swing

REDDING – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) District 2 is in full swing with the 2005 construction season after the unusually wet spring. Approximately 90 projects, some pending budget approval, should be in contract this season and will traverse the counties of Lassen, Modoc, Plumas, Shasta, Siskiyou, Tehama and Trinity.

Contractors throughout the district are busy with projects that range from a \$9,000 water reclamation system in the City of Shasta Lake, to the completion of the \$23.3 million rehabilitation project on State Route 70 bridges throughout the Feather River Canyon.

The North Market Street rehabilitation project, (State Route 273) which began in March of 2004 is in progress after winter suspension. This \$10.8 million project funded by Caltrans, the City of Redding and the Redding Redevelopment Agency, features traffic signal replacement and improvements, enhanced landscaping, decorative lighting, construction of a new bicycle path and reconstruction of the existing bicycle path at Lake Boulevard. Project completion is scheduled for late 2005.

Tehama County may see four miles of truck climbing lanes along northbound Interstate 5 just north of Red Bluff. The two projects, one located south of Dibble Creek Bridge to Briggs Creek Bridge and the other, approximately 4 miles further north over Nine Mile Hill will both include an additional lane and shoulder in the northbound median, rehabilitation of the existing northbound lanes and drainage improvements. Caltrans anticipates funding approval from the California Transportation Commission in mid-August. The project will likely break ground in late fall with completion scheduled for 2007. The estimated combined budget is \$12.2 million.

Trinity County will have two curve realignment safety projects on State Route 299 this season. A \$1.6 million curve realignment and widening at Pigeon Point and a \$2.2 million upgrade curve realignment 11 miles east of Douglas City.

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